

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): A ~~high dielectric~~ dielectric material comprising a sintered body of [[a]] rare-earth sulfide powder, the ~~high dielectric material~~ rare-earth sulfide powder having a crystal structure of tetragonal β type, a chemical composition represented by Ln_2S_3 (where Ln represents a rare-earth metal), a frequency domain within the range of 0.5 kHz to 1,000 kHz, and a value of relative dielectric constant of more than 1,000 at room temperature.

2. (Currently amended): The ~~high dielectric~~ dielectric material according to Claim 1, characterized in that wherein the rare earth [[is]] comprises at least one of lanthanum (La), praseodymium (Pr), cerium (Ce), and neodymium (Nd).

3. (Currently amended): A ~~high dielectric~~ The dielectric material according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterized in that wherein platinum is added to the ~~rare-earth sulfide powder~~ to prevent a crystal structure of β -type sesquisulfide from being inverted to γ type at a high temperature.

4. (Currently amended): A capacitor characterized by comprising the ~~high dielectric~~ The dielectric material according to any one of Claim 1 to ~~Claim 3~~, wherein the dielectric material is included in a capacitor.